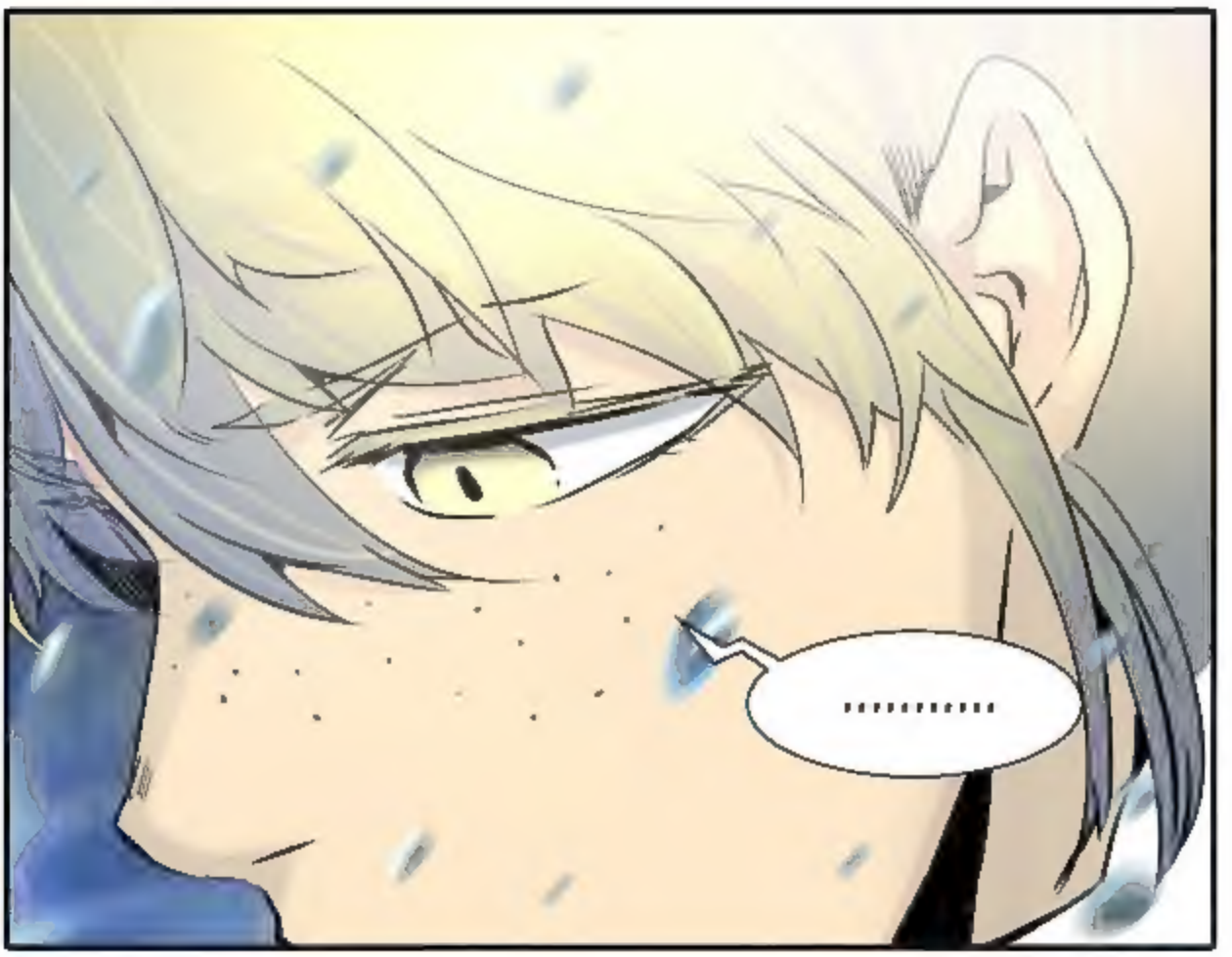
STEP—
STEP—
SHHHHH—

STEP—
BAM.
STEP—
?

DON'T THINK FOR A MINUTE THAT WE'RE ALLIES.
WE'VE JUST BECOME A TEAM IN ORDER TO FIND THE THORN FRAGMENT.
AS SOON AS I FIND OUT WHERE THE THORN FRAGMENT IS, WE'LL BE...

YEAH.
I KNOW.
RACHEL.
?

WE'RE ENEMIES.
STEP—
...THAT'S RI...!
STEP—



SHHHHH

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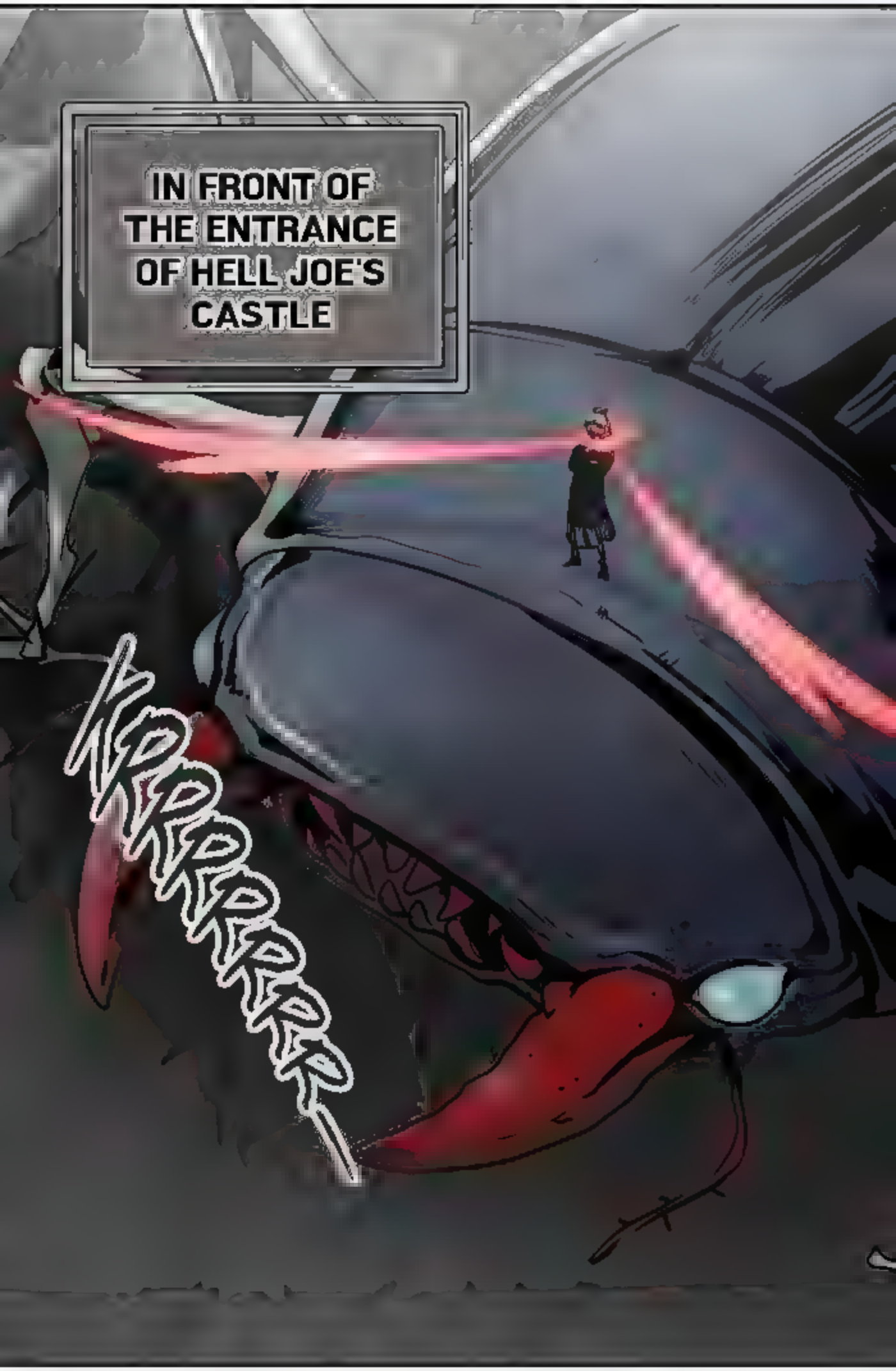

IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE OF HELL JOE'S CASTLE
RRRRRRR

?
SSK-

...?
DID SHE LOOK THIS WAY..?

HOW DARE YOU LOOK AWAY!?
CRASH

WHI,SH-
KSSSHHH

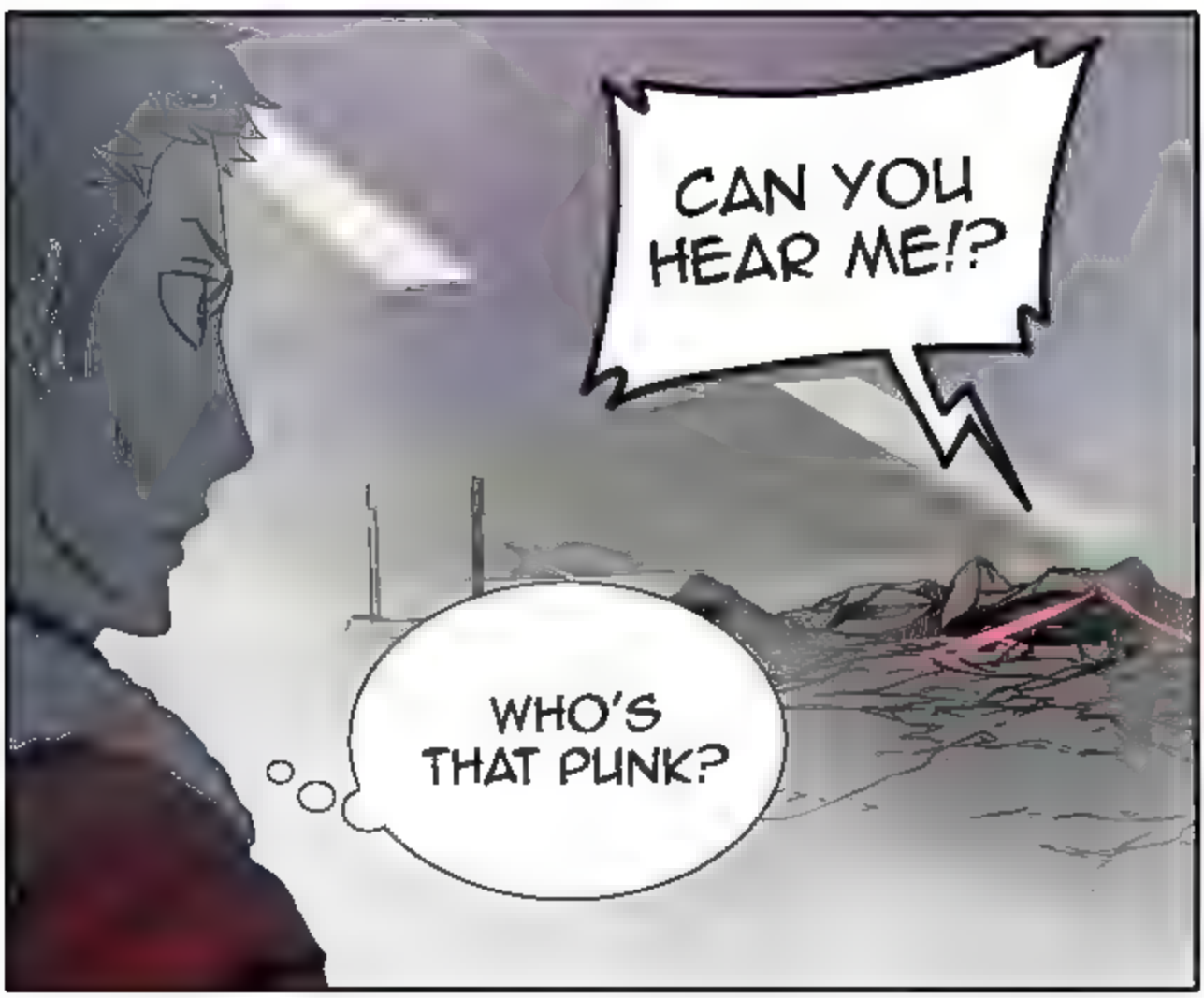
POW!!

KSSHH

URGH...!!

.....
KRRRRRRR-

HEY, YOU!!
!?


CAN YOU HEAR ME!?
WHO'S THAT PUNK?

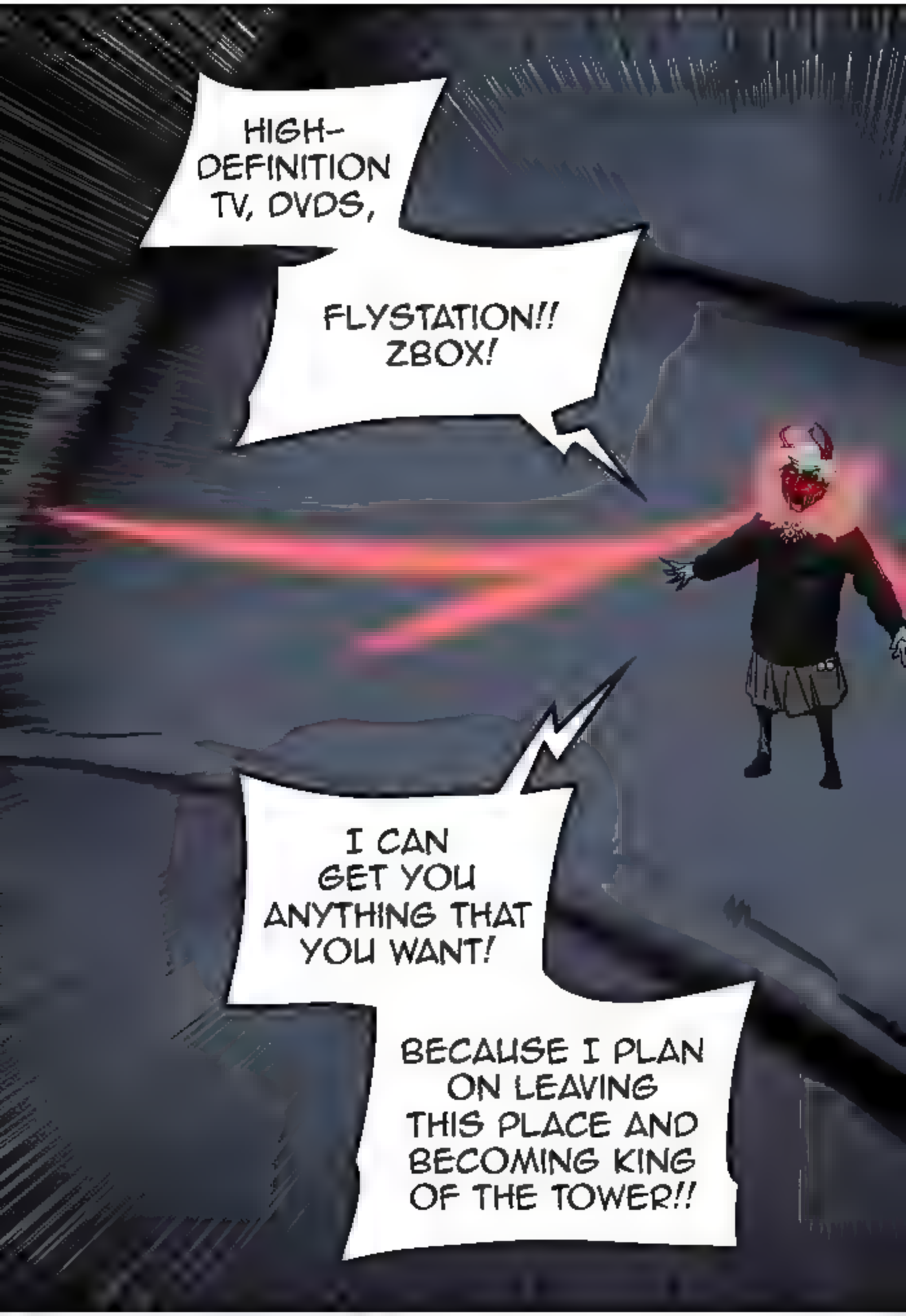
MY NAME IS HELL JOE!!
I'M THE LORD OF THE SOUTH CITY!!
I CAME TO ASK YOU A FAVOR!!

SIR!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUTSIDE YOUR CASTLE!?

THAT PUNK IS HELL JOE..?
SO HE MADE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT JUST TO LURE US..!!

A FAVOR?
THAT'S RIGHT! RIGHT NOW, OUR SOULS ARE UNDER A CURSE THAT WON'T LET US LEAVE THIS PLACE!
WITH THAT POWER OF YOURS, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO BREAK THIS CURSE OF OURS
SO I WANTED TO ASK YOU WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY INTENTION OF HELPING US!!

I'M NOT SURE...
WHAT WOULD I STAND TO GAIN BY HELPING YOU GUYS?
ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT!!


HIGH-DEFINITION TV, DVDS,
FLYSTATION!! ZBOX!
I CAN GET YOU ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT!
BECAUSE I PLAN ON LEAVING THIS PLACE AND BECOMING KING OF THE TOWER!!

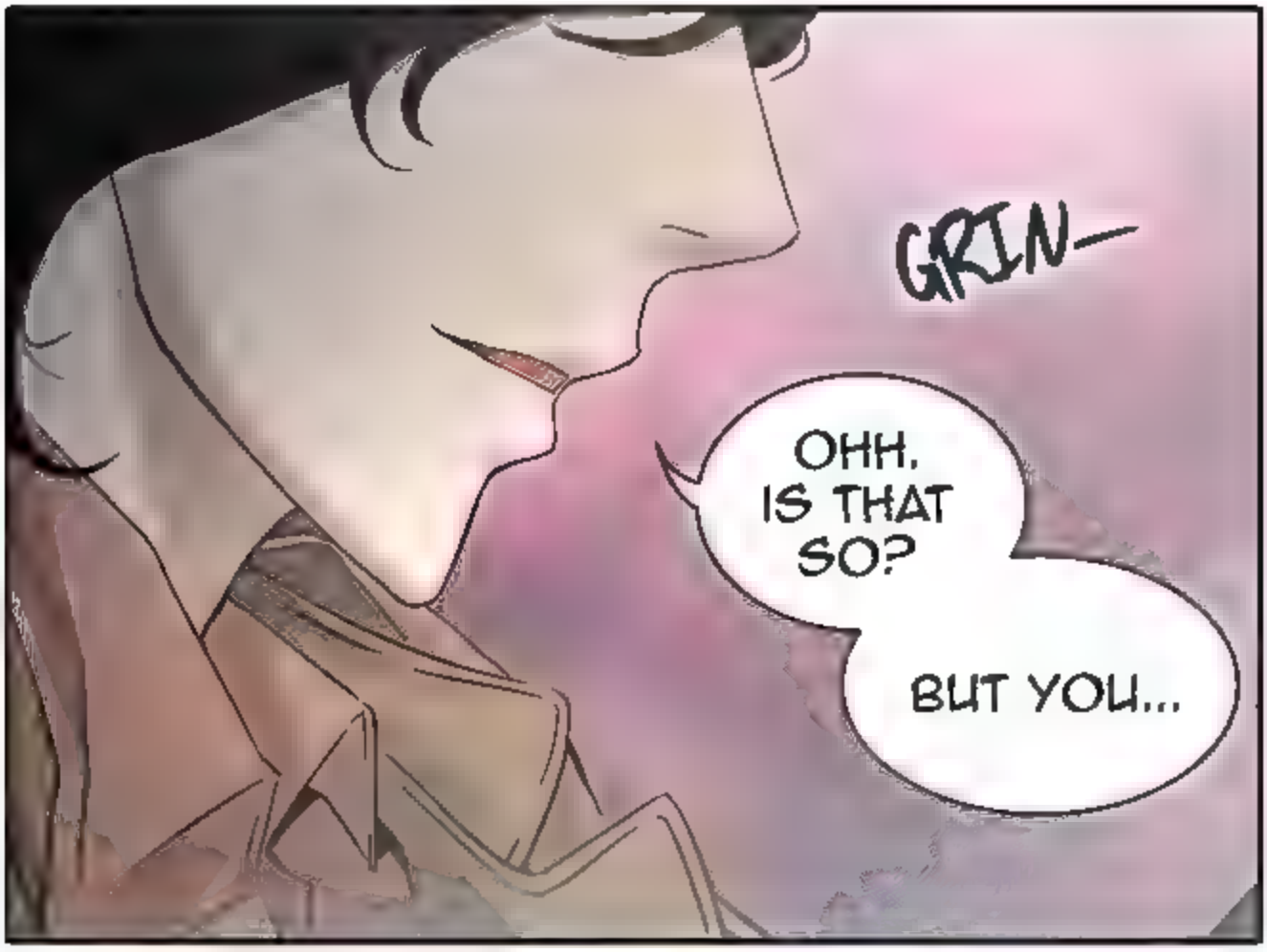
...KING?
YOU MEAN YOU?
HAHA

THAT'S RIGHT!! I HAVE THE ULTIMATE POWER!!
IF I CAN JUST MAKE IT OUTSIDE THE FLOOR OF DEATH!!
IT WOULD BE NOTHING TO PUSH EVERYONE ASIDE AND BECOME KING!!

SO- WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
ARE YOU GOING TO HELP ME?

WELL..
WHAT IF I REFUSE?

I'LL DEFEAT YOU
AND STEAL YOUR ABILITIES.

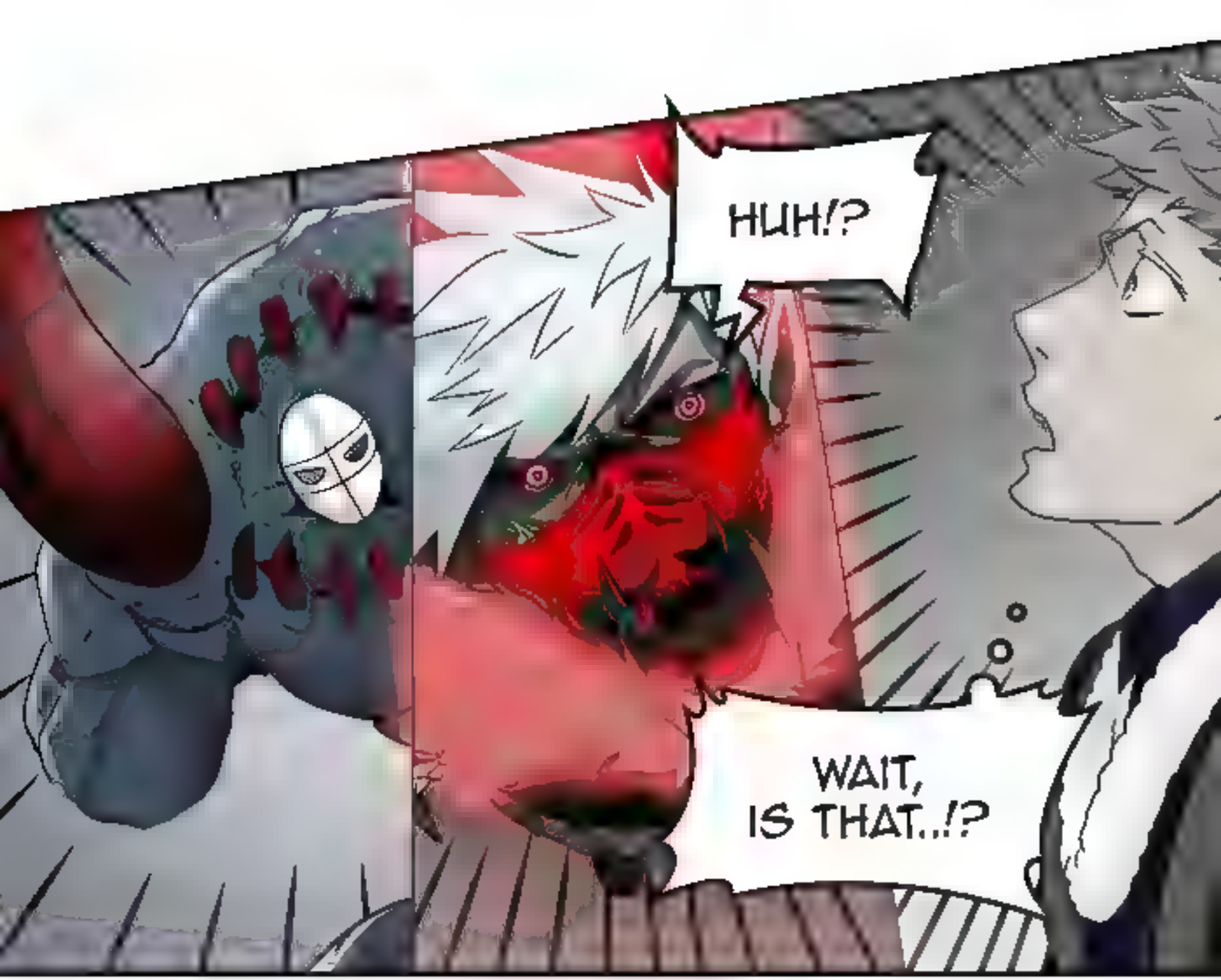

GRIN—
OHH. IS THAT SO?
BUT YOU...

ARE NOT THE KING THAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.
?

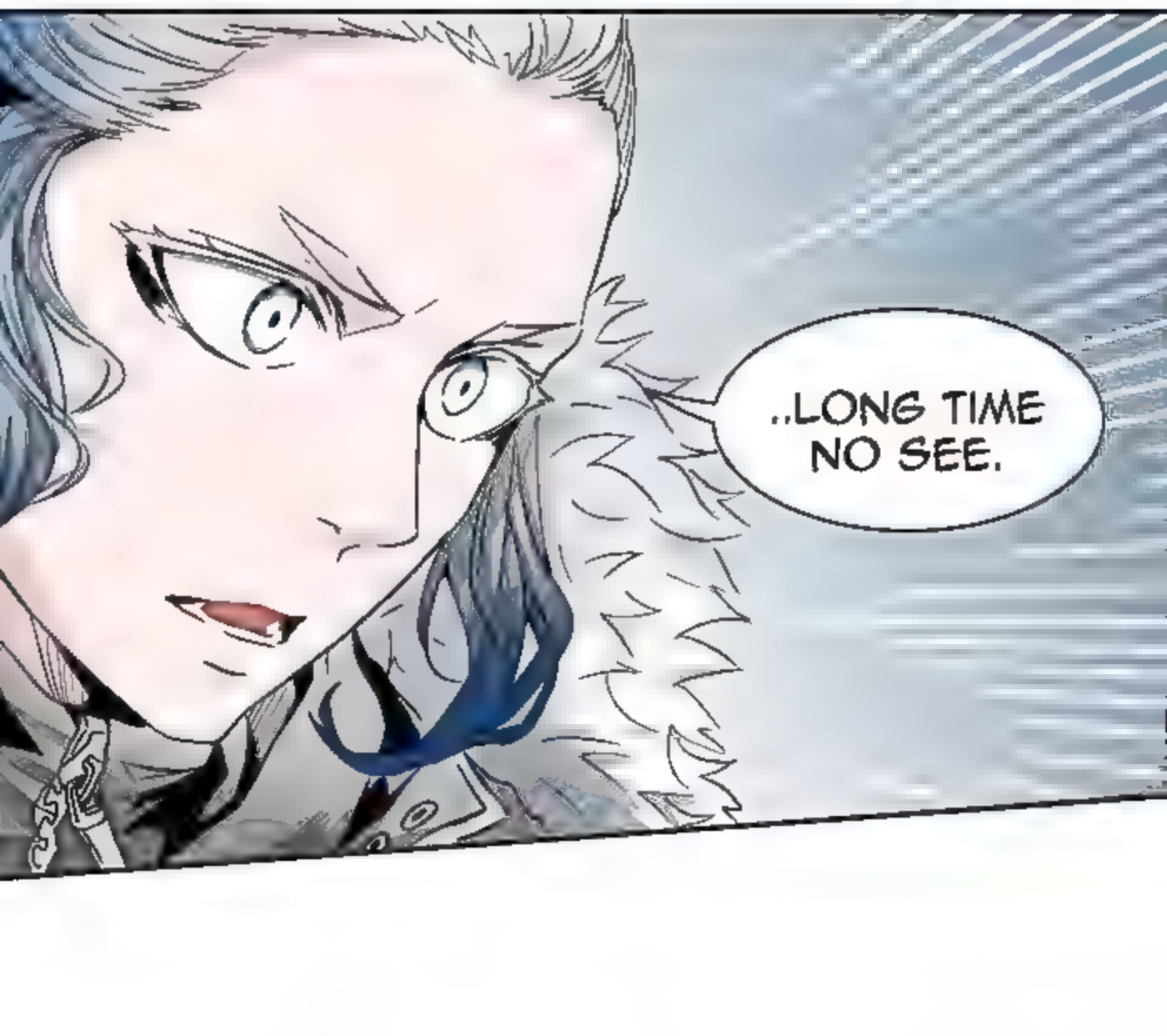
YOU MEAN..

SLASH
THAT'S ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE-!!

SWOOSH
WHAT'S A SPIRIT LIKE YOU DOING BACK HERE
WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GONE!?


HUH!?
WAIT,
IS THAT..!?

SWI.SH-

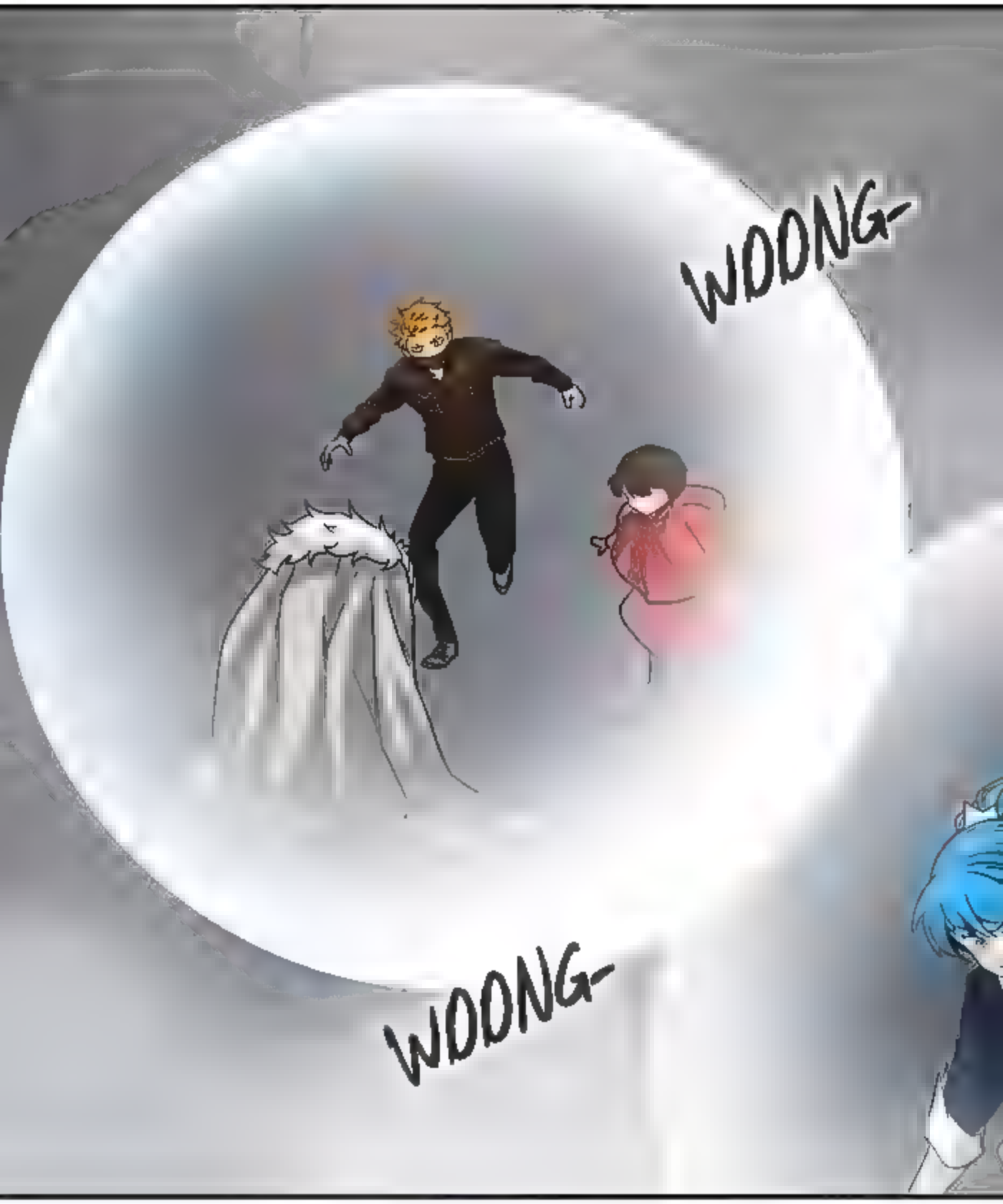

..LONG TIME
NO SEE.

GHOST OF THE 13 MONTHS.
.....
KRRRRRR

KRRRRRR

COUGH COUGH!!
UGH...
I... I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE...
HUFF—
HUFF—

WHO THE HECK IS THAT MONSTER..?
KRRRRRRR

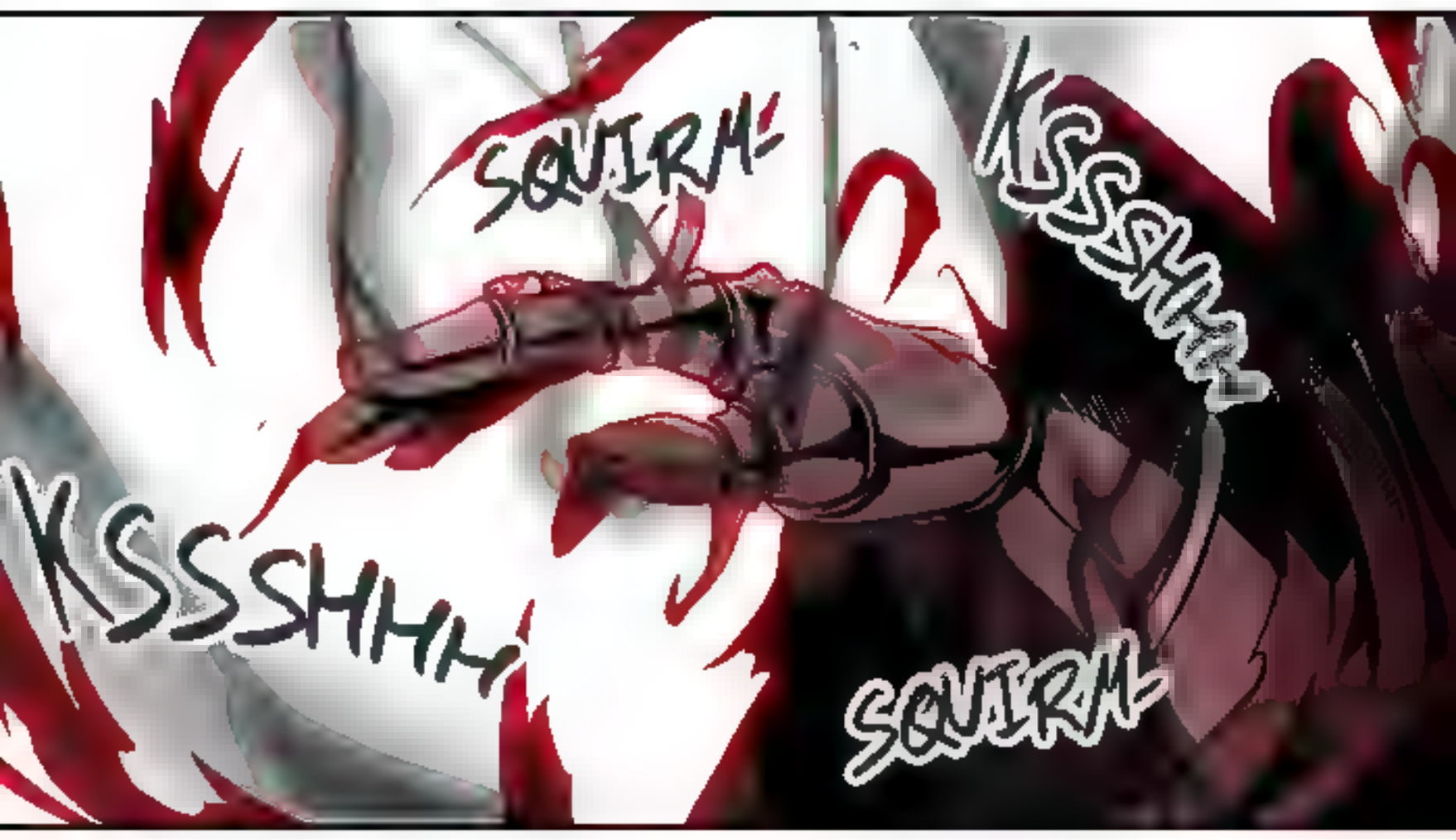

WOONG-
WOONG-

DAMNIT..
I THOUGHT
I WAS A GONER.
THAT SCARED
THE CRAP OUT
OF ME.
I MADE
IT..
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
IN HERE?
WHAT HAPPENED
TO YOUR PRIDE
AS A SLAYER!!

HMM...

SQUIRM-
...STILL ALIVE?
SQUIRM-

SQUIRM
SQUIRM

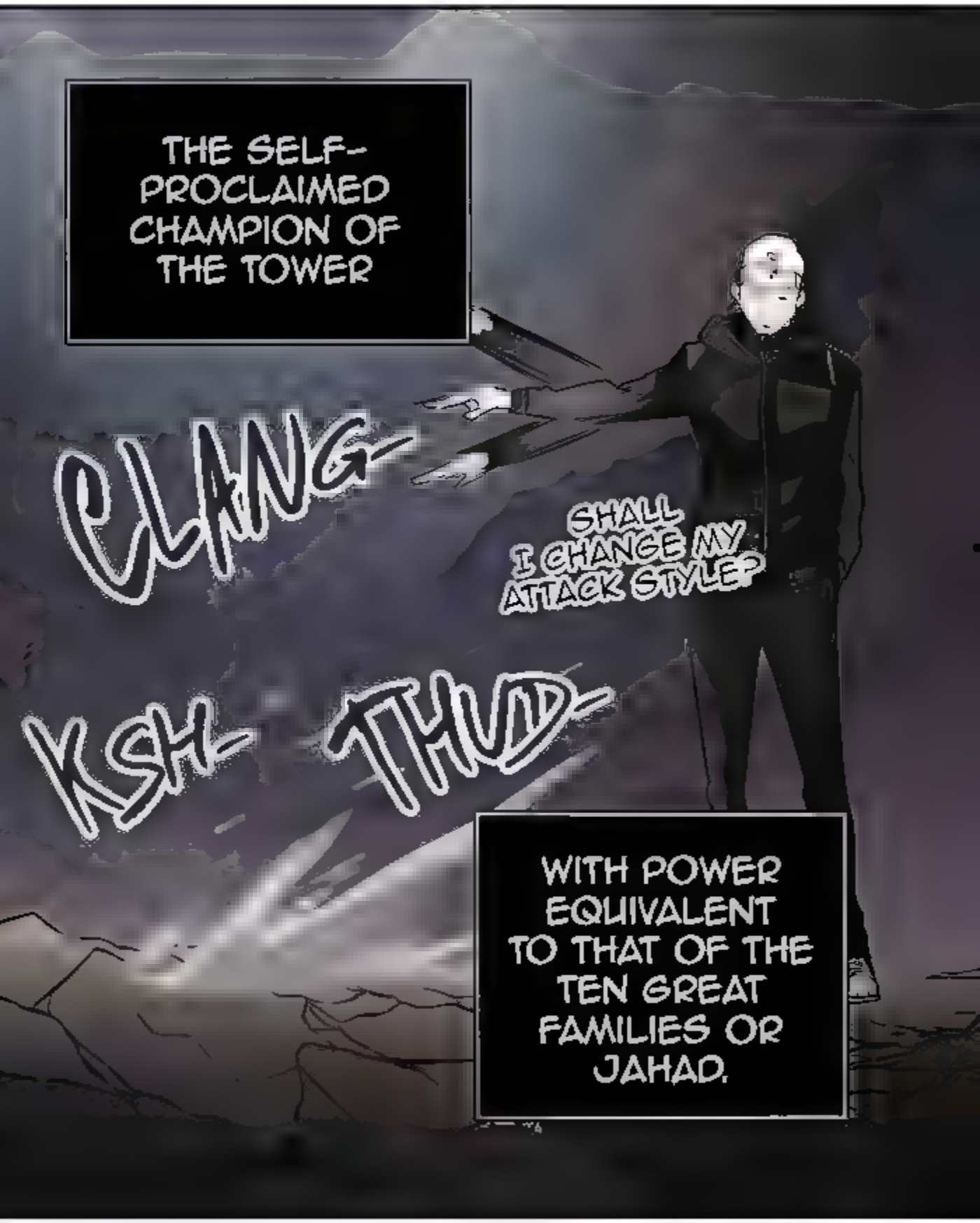

SQUIRM
KSSSHHH
KSSSHHH
SQUIRM

SPEEDSH
OH-
TAP-

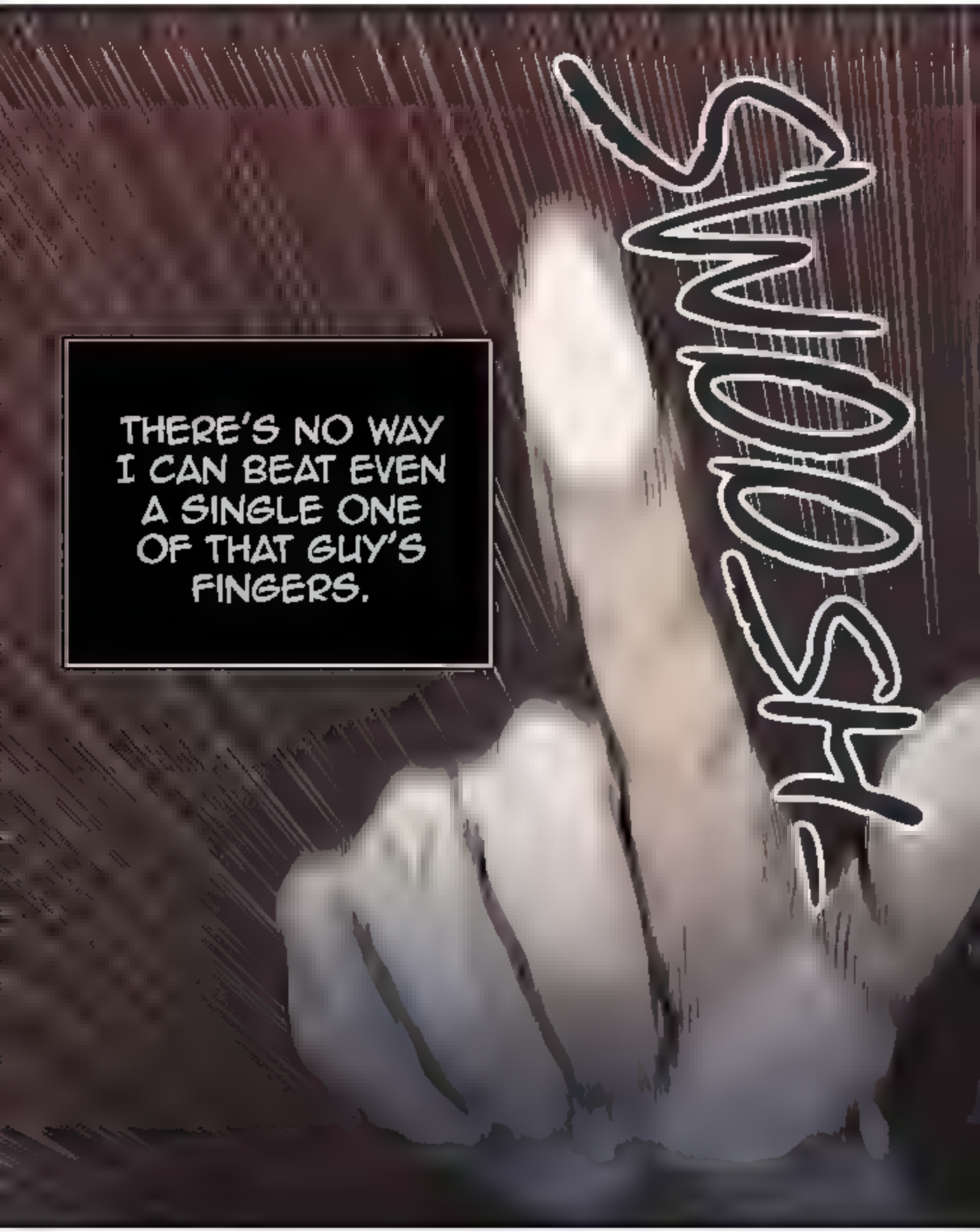
SO YOUR BODY SELF-REGENERATES...
IS THAT A SPELL?
I CAN'T HAND OVER THE WINGS IF YOU'RE GOING TO CHEAT LIKE THAT, BABY.
I DON'T NEED THEM.

HM-
WHAT A SHAME.
YOU SEEM LIKE
YOU COULD BE
USEFUL.
SEEING THAT HE'S
TALKING ABOUT
THE 'WINGS,' HE
CLEARLY MUST BE
AFFILIATED WITH
WOLHAIKSONG.
JUDGING FROM
THAT TREMENDOUS
POWER, AS WELL AS
HIS OVERFLOWING
CONFIDENCE AND
NARCISSISM, HIS
NAME MUST BE-

UREK
IT FEELS LIKE I'VE RUN INTO A VERY PESKY OPPONENT, MR. FINGER.
MAZINO.

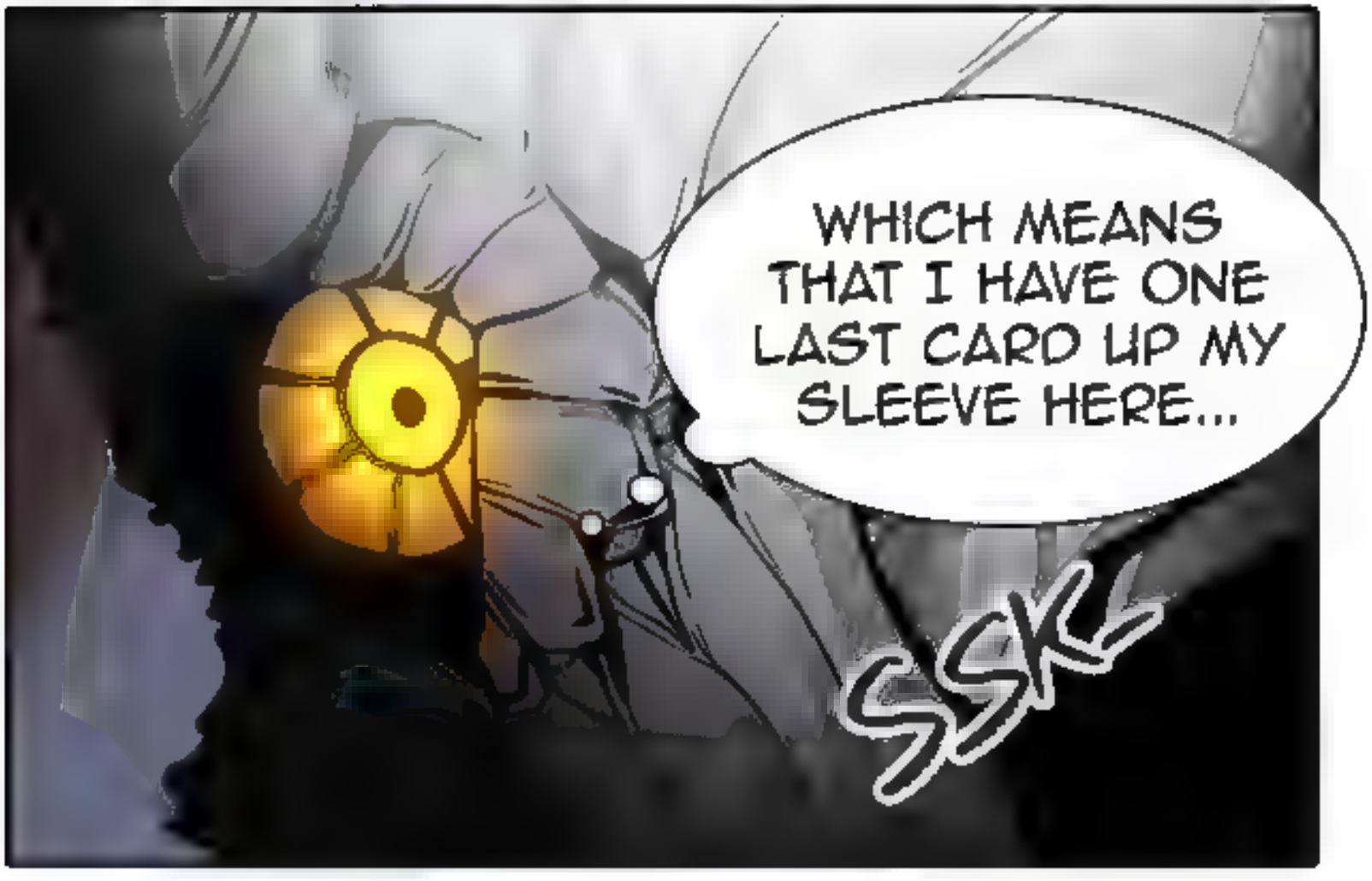

THE SELF-PROCLAIMED CHAMPION OF THE TOWER
CLANG-
SHALL I CHANGE MY ATTACK STYLE?
KSH-
THUD-
WITH POWER EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF THE TEN GREAT FAMILIES OR JAHAD.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT SOMEONE LIKE HIM, THE VICE CAPTAIN OF WOLHAIKSONG IS DOING HERE,
BUT ONE THING IS CLEAR RIGHT NOW.
CLENCH-


THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BEAT EVEN A SINGLE ONE OF THAT GUY'S FINGERS.
SHOOM

THINK CAREFULLY. KARAKA.
YOU CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING IN THIS SITUATION.
THAT GUY CAME HERE TO PROTECT THE GIRL

SO FOR NOW, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GIVE UP ON FINDING OUT WHERE VIOLE IS.
I'LL JUST HAVE TO GIVE UP ON THAT.


WHICH MEANS THAT I HAVE ONE LAST CARD UP MY SLEEVE HERE...
SSK

WHITE

ドシャアアア
!?

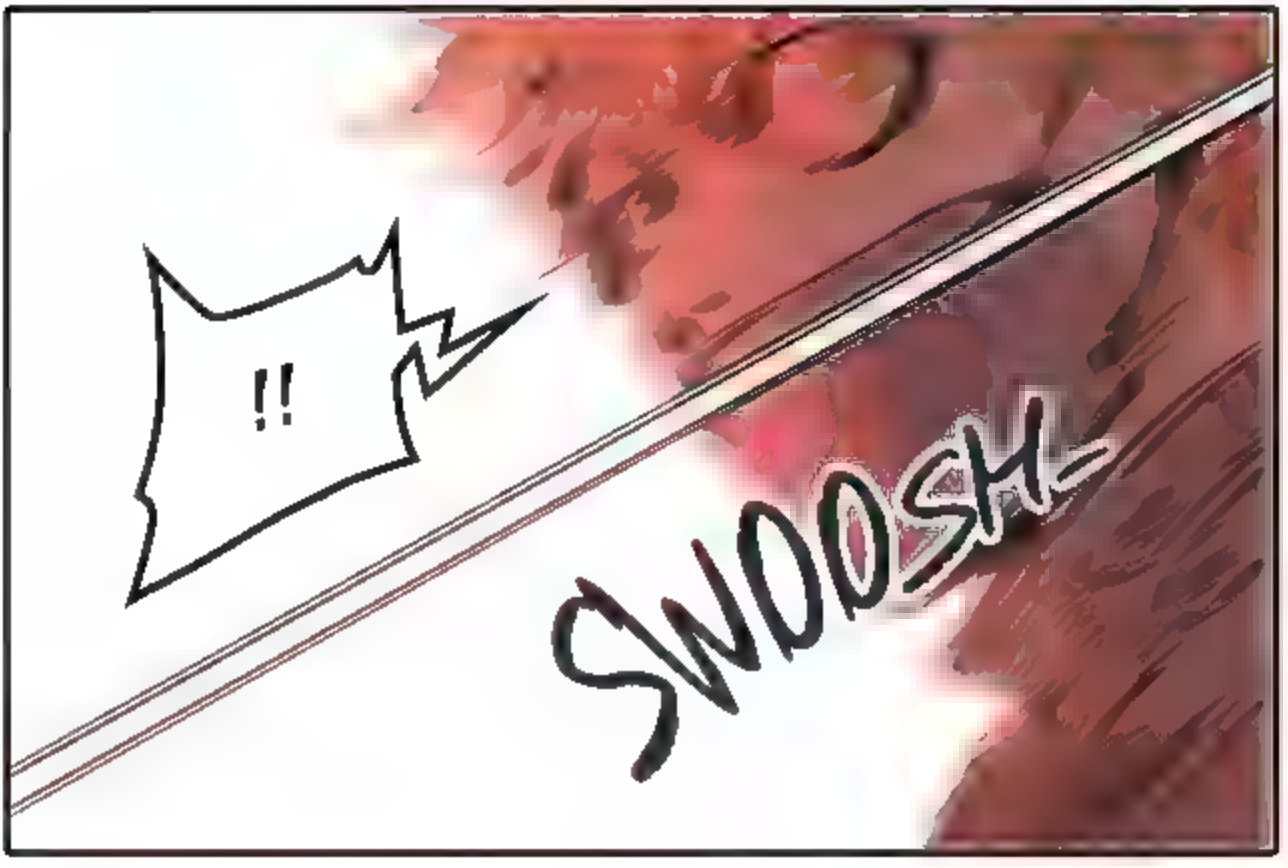
KRRRRRRR
HM?
KSSHH

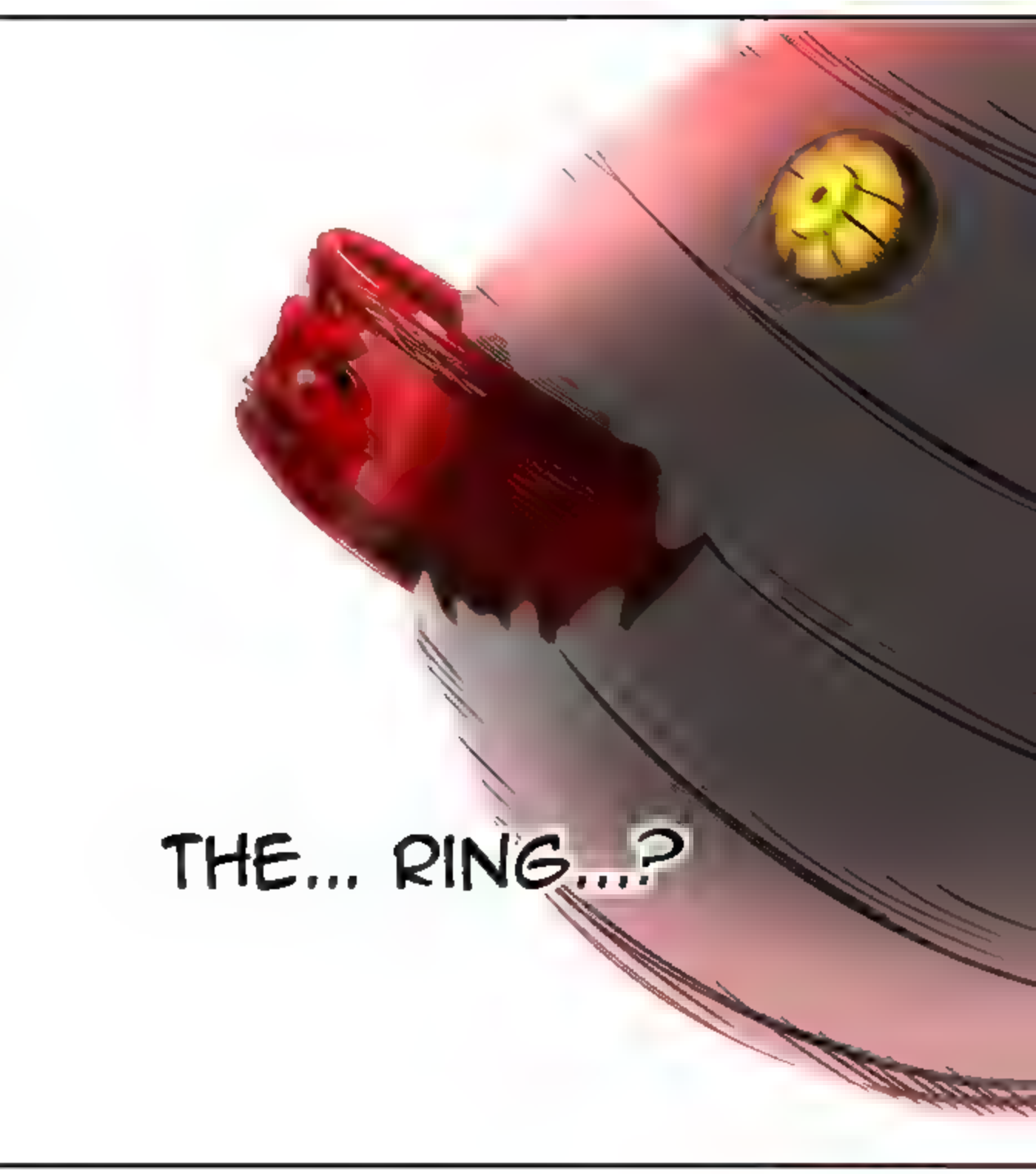
IS
HE..?!

BZZT
KSSSSSHHH

I'LL LEAVE JUST ENOUGH POWER TO RETURN TO MY ORIGINAL BODY
BUZZT
AND DETONATE ALL OF THE REMAINING POWER
IN 'THIS BODY'!!
WHTESH
THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM HERE!!

PANG
AFTER THAT, I WILL JUST HAVE TO GET WHITE....!!


!!
SWOOSH-

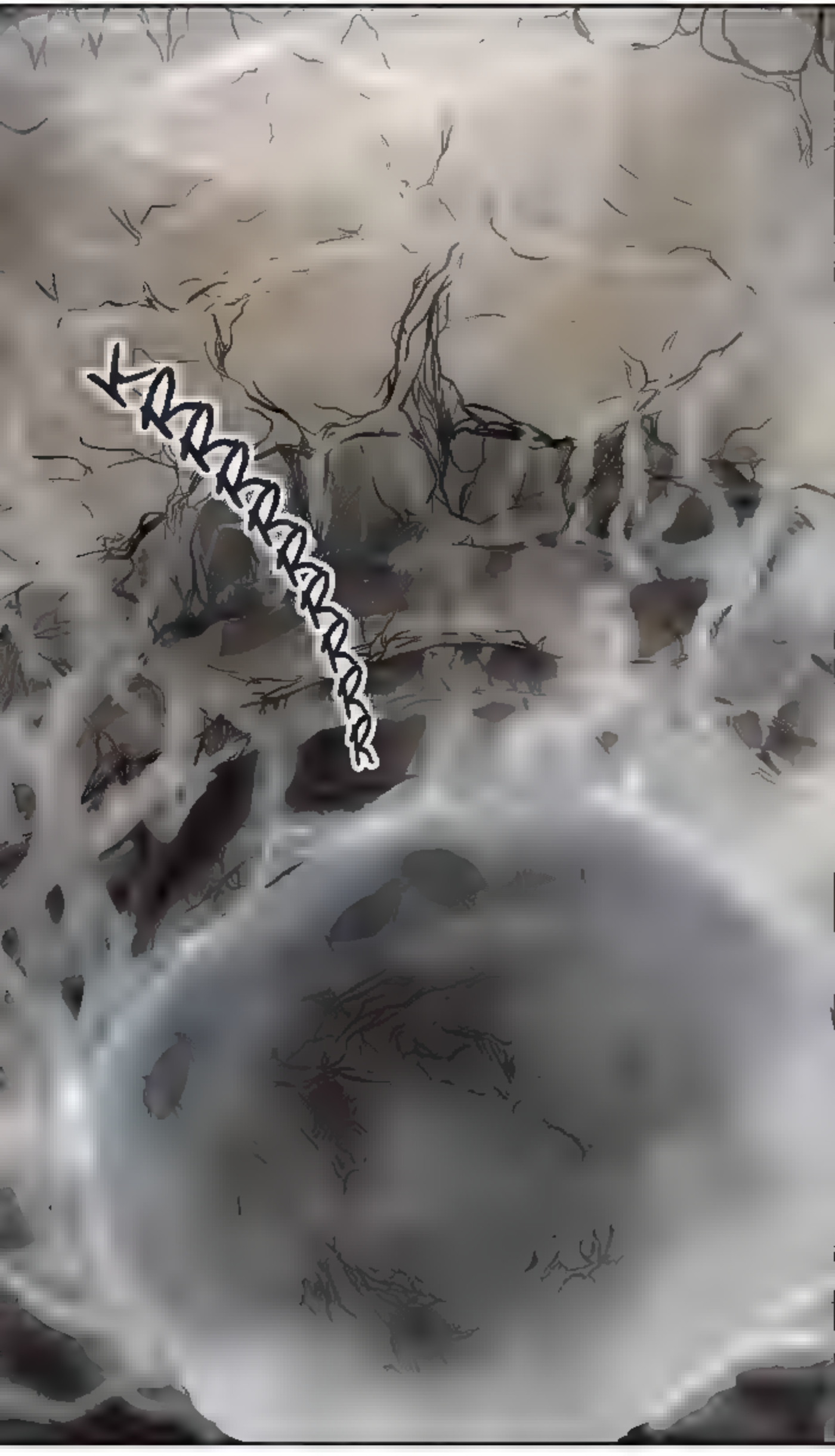

THE... RING...?

HE'S GONE!!
FLASH
SO ARE HOAQIN AND THOSE PEOPLE!!

AGH!! H..HE'S GOING TO EXPLODE!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS GUY!!
KRRRRR
SWISH
KSSSSHHH

CRASH

KRRRRRRR
KSSSHHH



ARE YOU OKAY, LADIES?
SHHH

AH..
YEAH..
FLOAT—
FLOAT—
W..WHAT
A RELIEF!!
SHE'S
GORGEOUS!!

THAT WAS SO~ DANGEROUS.
THOSE EVIL BASTARDS.
FLOP!
AGH!!
I CHASED THEM AWAY SO DON'T WORRY~!

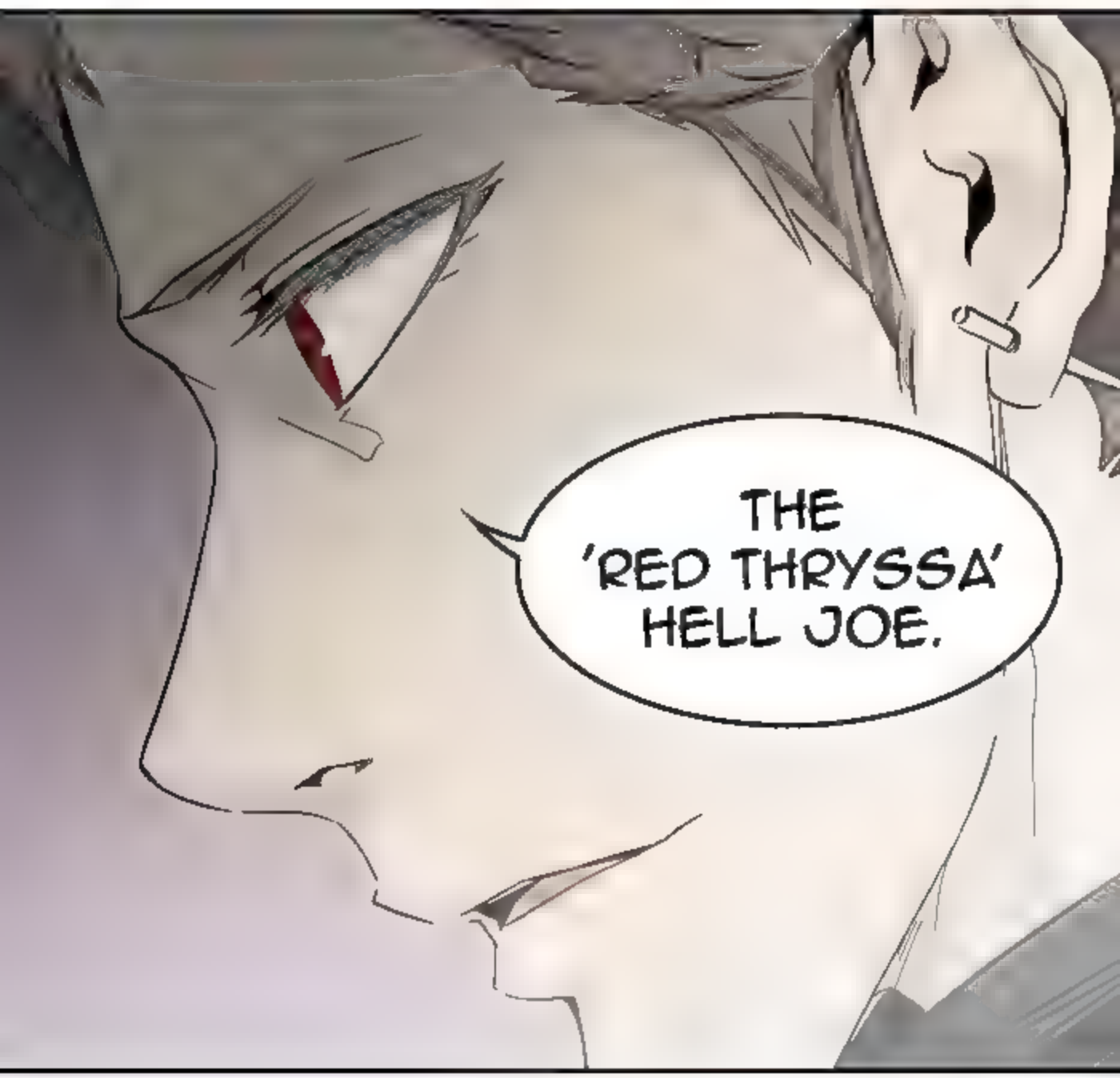
I HAVE TO CATCH THEM AND MAKE THEM APOLOGIZE..!!
AH... THEY'RE ALREADY GONE.

WELL, WHATEVER.
THOSE GUYS LOOKED LIKE A NUISANCE ANYWAY..
UREK MAZINO!! W..WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

OH. BABY.
HOW'S MY SLAYER CANDIDATE DOING?
W..WELL..
DID YOU COME HERE TO MEET VIOLE..?

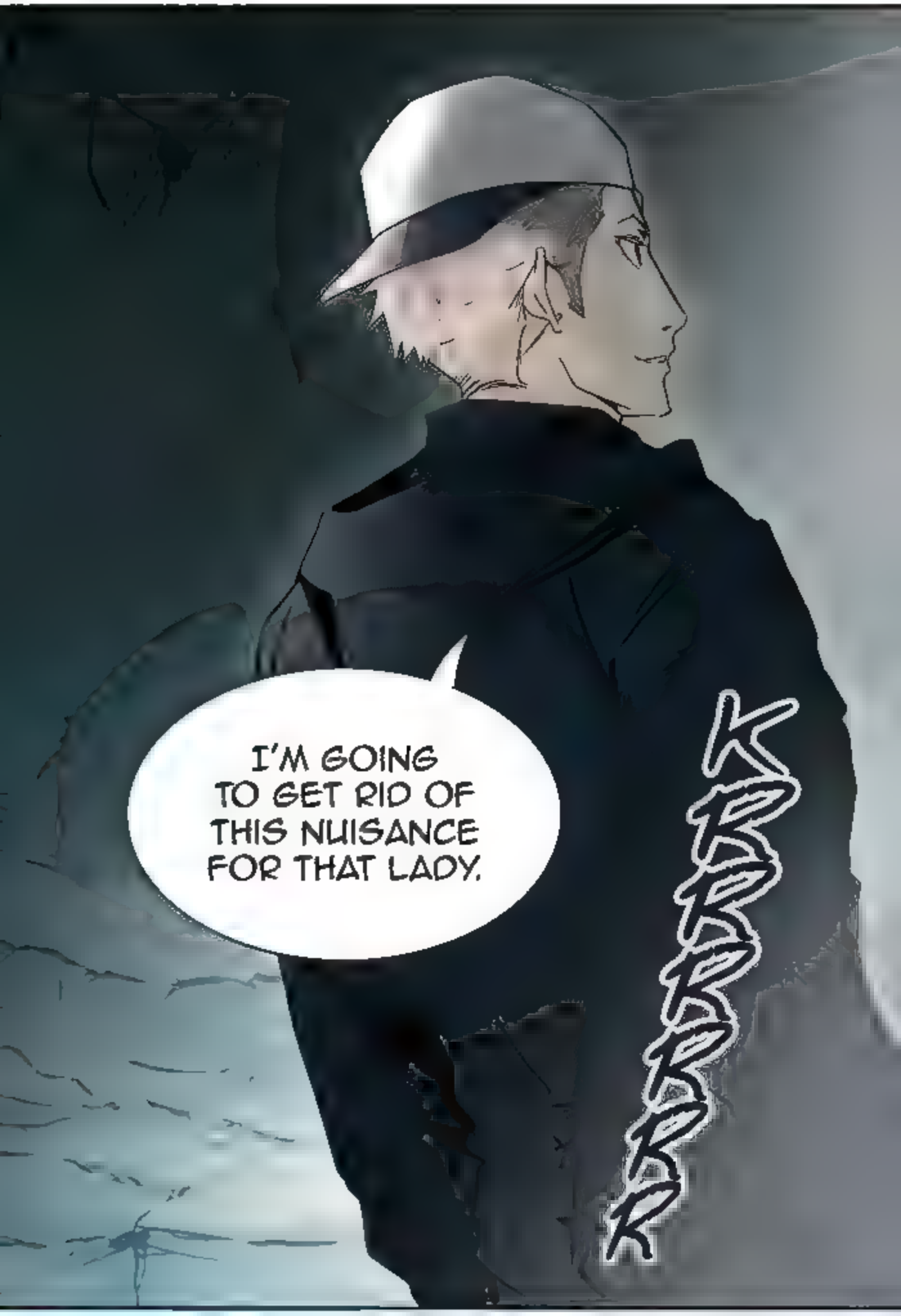
HM- THAT'S PART OF THE REASON.
THERE WAS ACTUALLY SOMETHING THAT I HAD TO DEAL WITH HERE.
?
SOMETHING THAT YOU HAD TO DEAL WITH?

A FEW YEARS AGO, I DISCOVERED
A RIDICULOUS CREATURE ON THE FLOOR OF DEATH.
I GAVE IT TO A CERTAIN BOY
AND THAT MONSTER HAS GOTTEN SO BIG THAT IT'S DIFFICULT TO STOP.
I THINK THAT ONE OF THE LADIES WHO LIVED HERE HATES ME.
WHAT..?! WHAT IS IT!?


THE
'RED THRYSSA'
HELL JOE.

HE WAS ONE OF THE FEW GUYS WHOSE ABILITIES I ACKNOWLEDGED
BUT NOW, APPARENTLY HE'S BECOME A TYRANT HERE.
HELL JOE..?
I GUESS YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT PEOPLE WILL BECOME.

WELL, ANYWAY. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED!
SO SEE YOU NEXT TIME, BABIES.
W..WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!


I'M GOING TO GET RID OF THIS NUISANCE FOR THAT LADY.
KRRRRRR

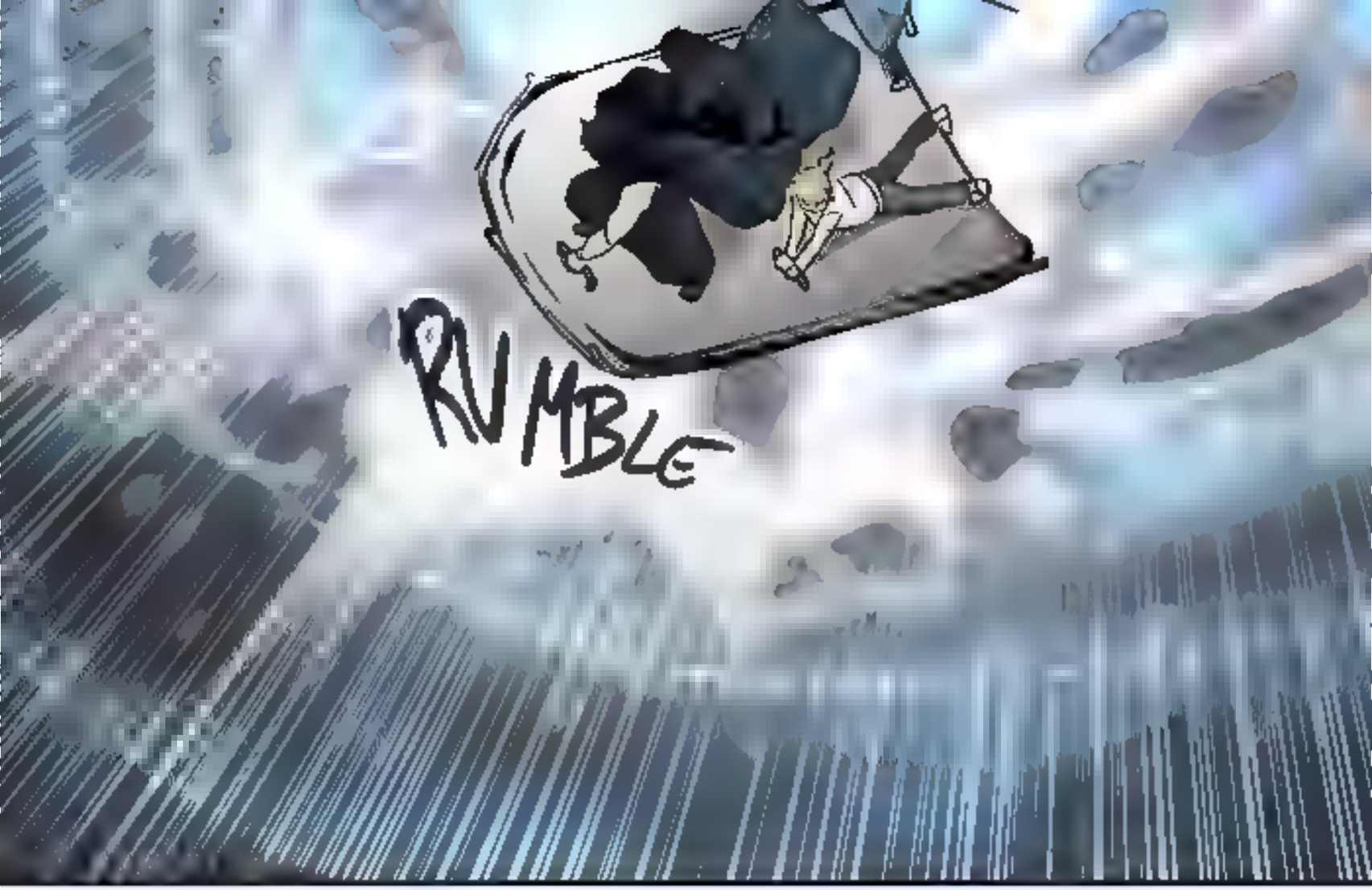
CLANG
CLANG
BECAUSE I'M A HERO.
HEY, WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!?
SHHHHH—

AAAAAAAAA
HHHHHHHHH!!

AAAAAAIIIII
SHAHA

ΔΔΔ

WHOA!!
MATA!!


RUMBLE

WHERE IS THIS..?

THE INSIDE OF HELL JOE'S CASTLE
HALL BY THE ENTRANCE
HELL JOE'S CASTLE..!!

HELP ME!!
RUN!!
HEY.. WHY IS THE CASTLE SO NOISY?
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE PANICKING BECAUSE SOME INTRUDERS HAVE APPEARED.

THIS IS ACTUALLY GOOD FOR US.
NOW- LET'S DIVIDE OURSELVES INTO TEAMS...
!?

YOU...!!
FABREGAS!?

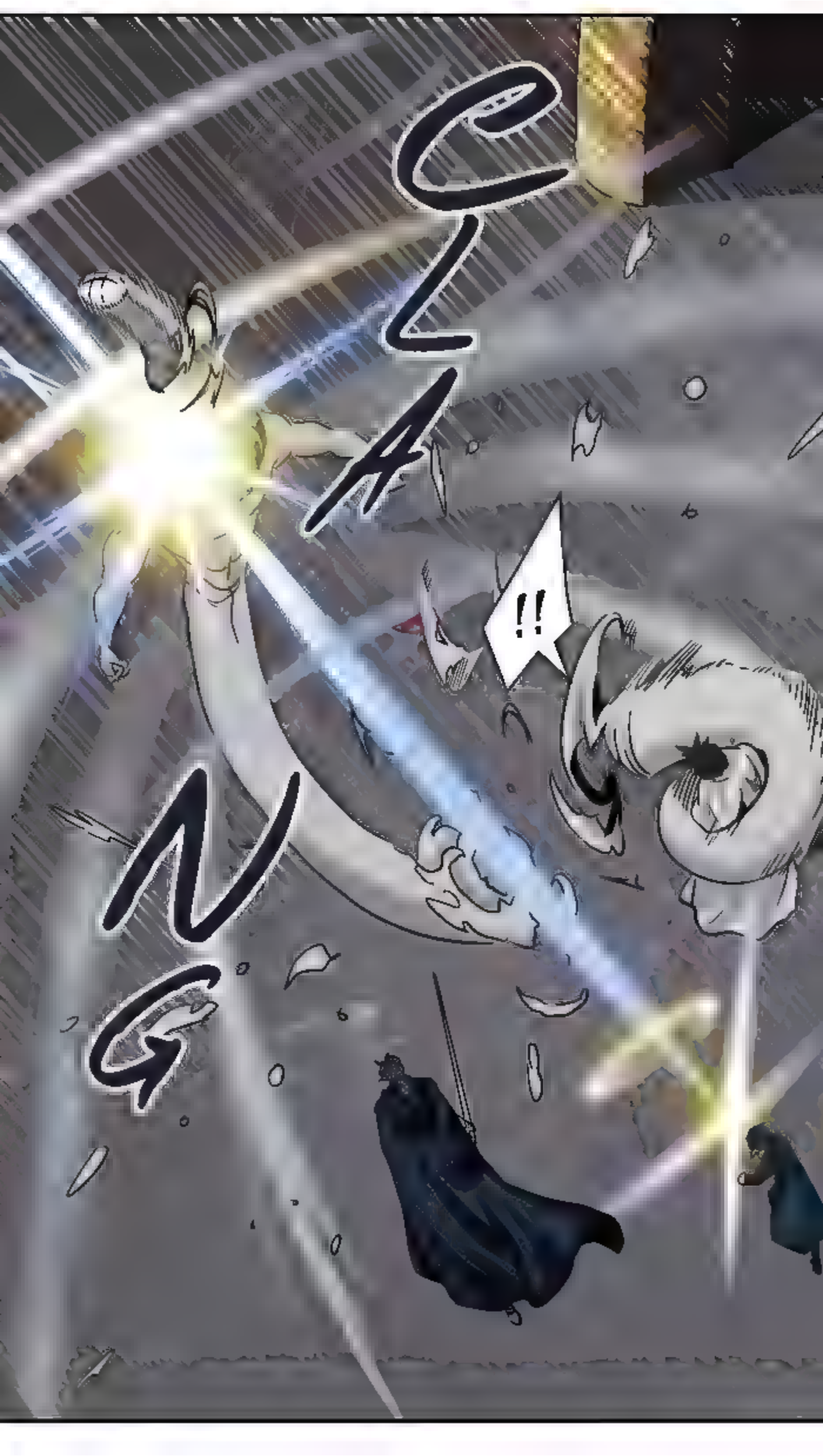
GRAND DE LEE!!
SH
FABREGAS, YOU TRAITOR!!

KRRRR
LUCKY ME!! HELL JOE WILL GIVE ME BACK MY POWER IF I CATCH YOU!!
!!
SIGH-

BE CAREFUL!!
IF YOU GET HIT WITH THE STINGER ON THE END OF HIS TAIL, CONTAMINATED BLOOD WILL FILL YOUR WHOLE BODY..!!
TWIRL
AGH!!
IT'S TOO LATE!?

HAHAHA!! JUST SO YOU KNOW, ANYONE WHO GETS CONTAMINATED WITH MY BLOOD, EVEN IMMORTAL PEOPLE DON'T WAKE UP FOR DAYS!!
PING~
!?
AAAHHH..!!

MATA!!
I..IT'S OKAY, I CAN'T DIE!!
I'M FINE, EVERYONE!!
WHISH
SHINSU BLACK-HOLE SPHERE-!!


CLANG
!!

...HUH?

AWRL
AWRL

DID THAT LITTLE PUNK..
JUST..!!

KILL ME!?

SHHHHHH-

T..THIS
MUST BE..
WHAT DE JAH
TOLD ME ABOUT...

LET'S GO!!
THE POWER OF THE SAVIOR...!!